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U.S. PATENTS

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5,147,732	Shiroishi et al.	Sep. 15, 1992
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## FOREIGN PATENTS

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DE 197 00 506 A1	Germany	Jul. 17, 1997

## REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above-listed references in the examination of this application and list these references of record in the application. Applicants respectfully submit that the citation of the above-listed references does not constitute an admission that these references qualify as prior art.

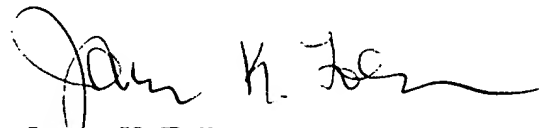
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